

Informed Choices

The wisdom of the Christian Church is timeless, yet timely. It is of the ages, but also for this day. In a context of faith, holding a promise of eternal life, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries will help you make careful and informed choices which respect Christian funeral and burial traditions, and reflect your contemporary preferences.

Our daily ministry and work is serving the nearly 3,500 individuals and families who are placed in our care annually. With our long experience and special philosophy, we are capable of guiding your *at-need* or *pre-need* funeral and burial arrangements to express something ever ancient...yet ever new.

These Catholic Cemeteries offer a variety of burial options and services within our eight cemeteries and seven mausoleum programs. While respecting your preferences — personal, familial, emotional, financial and spiritual — our Family Service Counselors will guide you with a full, unhurried, in-depth disclosure of our burial options, services and products so you can make prudent and informed choices.

At-Need Services

Jesus said, *Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled.*

Matthew 5:3

Someone you love has died. The void is painful, the finality heart wrenching. Even with people all around, you feel confused and alone. Making cemetery and funeral arrangements is necessary, but so burdensome. At such a difficult time, with so much on your mind — will you do the right thing? make the right decisions? leave anything undone?

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Family Service Counselors

Our Family Service Counselors are a phone call away after sudden tragedies or prior to anticipated losses in our community.

Therefore, as a requirement for employment with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries, every Family Service Counselor must successfully complete a rigorous training course covering the fundamentals of grief, as well as possess a thorough understanding of Christian burial practices. In addition, our Family Service Counselors participate in continuing education programs to better understand grief and trauma.

Follow-Up Grief Support

After someone has died, you find the void real, the loss heartbreaking. Just keeping busy or letting time pass is not enough. You move through weeks, months, even years often feeling alone, tired and scared. There are times of falling back...times of gaining ground. And, the journey is uniquely yours, but help is there.

Our Director of Grief Education Services, as well as our Family Service Counselors, are prepared to assist you in your journey of grief by providing our Christian Faithful with crisis intervention and follow-up grief support following the death of a loved one.

See our brochure — *Laugh, Cry, Smile, Love... Your Journey Through Grief*

Spiritual Guidance

The place and manner of each death is so unique, so variable, often bringing a sense of bewilderment, loss and uncertainty, even despair. Dealing with death takes time and focused attention to issues of loss and sadness. In walking this journey, we can experience the deeper meaning of life in faith. Death is natural. Our faith in the Risen Christ proclaims death is not an end, but a new beginning. Our Spiritual Director, as well as our Family Service Counselors will walk with you through the shadow of death to the brilliant hope of the Resurrection.

Advance Planning Services

As Christians, we can only truly live if we are prepared to die.

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are committed to assisting you in preparing for the crowning event of your life... your death. Advance planning for death is not a sign of hopelessness. Rather, it is an expression of trust, faith and acceptance in light of the Resurrection of our Lord. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries offer advance arrangement counseling to provide our Christian Faithful the opportunity to discuss and decide upon the various burial, memorialization and Christian funeral options, all in an atmosphere free from the anguish and grief that accompanies a death.

Spiritual Implications

Christ said, *I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*" (John 11:24)

Making arrangements for death is an acceptance of your mortality and a proclamation of your faith in Christ's words. Your clear choices put your spirituality into action. Live each day...plan for eternity.

Advance Planning Benefits

※ **Preserve Your Faith Wishes**

Believers in Jesus Christ form a community of disciples founded on a shared faith in the Resurrection. Your Catholic cemetery continues that sense of community even in death. Advance arrangements with your Catholic Cemeteries proclaims your faith wishes and assures that your burial takes place where all await the Lord's call to new life.

※ **Togetherness**

Throughout life, you involve those you care for in important decisions, especially a spouse. It is loving and responsible to make your

Christian funeral, burial and memorialization arrangements together as well.

※ **Emotional Control**

Without the grief and anguish that accompany death, your Christian funeral, burial, memorialization and decisions can be made thoughtfully, intelligently and free from pressure.

※ **Financial Advantages**

Not only can you enjoy today's lower prices, your advance planning also allows you to select a payment plan that does not burden your family. Pre-construction and under-construction mausoleum discounts also may be available as new projects are developed. Plus, you will be less likely to overspend.

※ **Greater Availability**

Although the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries has an active building and land development program, grave, crypt and niche spaces that are available today may not be available tomorrow. Advance planning may permit you to obtain space exactly where you want, rather than taking what is left at a time following a death.

※ **Peace of Mind**

There is peace of mind in completing your own arrangements. And you have helped make a difficult time easier for your loved ones by planning your cemetery, memorialization and Christian funeral needs.

※ **Love**

In accepting your mortality and planning now for your burial, memorialization and Christian funeral options, you proclaim your acceptance of God's love while expressing your love and compassion for your family and friends. You have made your own choices and defined your preferences...just as you have done responsibility throughout your lifetime.

Jesus says:

*I came that you may have life...
and have it to the full!*

John 10:10

A Final Thought

Your Catholic Cemeteries, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on behalf of the Catholic parishes, give witness to a faithful community of Christ's disciples — the deceased, the living, even those still-to-be-born — of all walks and stations in life.

We are committed to your family...those deceased and those living. We invite you to come — to laugh, to cry, to remember, to pray, to smile and to love.

Your Catholic Cemeteries are holy places for prayer, for memory, for service, for renewed purpose. These are sacred environments where...

LIFE is remembered,
LOVE is deepened,
HOPE is rekindled and
FAITH is awakened, renewed
and strengthened.

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